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Michelle Whelley
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Dear Michelle:

Please see that our views are represented to the Connecticut Legislature regarding Tweed New Haven Airport.

A viable Tweed is in the long term economic interest of greater New Haven. As a manager in a global company with operations around the world, I state confidently that convenient air service is a factor in investment decision making on location. When customers and managers can work the connection to arrive at Tweed, they are very pleased with the reduced travel time compared to the alternatives.

In addressing the State's fiscal crisis, I respect the effort to review every single expense. We must eliminate all that is non-essential. At the same time, we must keep in mind the factors that contribute to long term economic viability and competitiveness. I believe that Tweed New Haven Airport is a positive factor in the region's competitiveness and should be supported.

Sincerely,

William W. Neale



Vice President of Operations